

Lake Louise Cottagers' Potluck and Meeting: June 25, 2016

President John Marshall welcomed everyone and added a special welcome to new cottage owners:

- Spencer and Karli Deer, cottage #12
- Tom and Carolyn Miller, cottage #50
- Adam and Jennifer Wright, cottage #110

Minutes from the August 12, 2015 Cottagers' Council Meeting were approved as written.

The meeting agenda was accepted with the addition of information from Dave Strong to be offered later in the meeting.

"The Cottagers' Minute" was provided by cottage owner Joan Begeman. Joan spoke of the happiest places on earth and Lake Louise as that place for her family.

John Marshall introduced Leslie Helwig to report on efforts to obtain milfoil funding from Charlevoix County

I. Cottagers' Council Vice President, Leslie Helwig

Leslie provided information regarding funding from Charlevoix County for milfoil mitigation. She was pleased to announce that although the original grant request had been denied the county has agreed to provide \$10,000 this year and \$3,000 next year from the regular budget for this purpose.

** Leslie has been responsible for the ongoing effort to acquire these county funds, including writing and submitting a 32 page grant request. The Lake Louise Community is very grateful for the many hours, determination, and commitment she has provided.

II. Items from the President

A. Meetings and events for Summer 2016

- Saturday, June 25th - Saturday, July 9th dumpster available in the Pioneer Trail meadow. Leave what you want (no paint products) or take what you want
- Sunday, July 3rd Starting at 8:00p.m. Lake Louise Boat Parade starts at East end of lake, and travels counterclockwise
- Thursday, July 7th Pizza party 6:00 p.m. at the Public Beach Shelter
- Saturday, July 16th Town Hall Meeting 9:00a.m.
- Saturday, August 6th 12:00p.m. The 12th annual Lake Louise Golf Scramble at the Black Bear Golf Club.
- Saturday August 6th 6:00p.m. Barbeque Banquet at Black Bear Golf Club patio
- Wednesday, August 24th 7:00p.m. Cottagers' Council Meeting, followed by the annual ice cream social

John Marshall added that Executive Director, Jim Willford, was absent this evening as he was assisting his son, who was enrolling this weekend for his first year at the United States Naval Academy. Jim will be at the July Town Hall Meeting to provide a "State of the Lake" report.

John also called our attention to an article in the June Michigan Country Lines that was written by cottager Ed Robinson. The article speaks of a fond memory of Ed teaching his daughter to drive. They were on a traffic free dirt road in Northern Michigan when an enormous bull elk leapt into the road 20 yards ahead of the car.

B. New policies

1. Fireworks policy – Handout provided. The policy is new, previously there had been no official policy. The policy states that only *Consumer fireworks* are allowed and only on July 4th and its closest weekend (Saturday and Sunday) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and midnight. *Consumer fireworks* are those available to the general public at Michigan fireworks stands or stores. *Display fireworks* require a permit or license to purchase and are not allowed. This policy is for property owned by Lake Louise Christian Community.
 - Concerns were expressed regarding the length of time for fireworks to be discharged as well as for dry conditions and possible fires.

2. New Cottage Sale Procedure – Handout provided. Items listed in the policy include a form to be returned to LLCC Executive Director as well as instructions for proceeding with the sale of a lease. This form and information is to be utilized at the beginning of the sale process.

Both the Fireworks policy and New Cottage Sale Procedure will be available on-line.

- C. Beaver management – A new beaver lodge appeared over the winter in the pond, located between the most easterly cottage on Pioneer Trail and the Lake Louise camp. Traps were set, no beavers have been caught. It appears that the beavers may have moved on.
- D. Forms were provided on each table for cottagers to add new e-mail address, home address, telephone numbers or additional family member for the e-mail communications list. Also please inform the camp office of changes.
- E. Cottager Courtesies – Handout provided. The courtesies were approved in 2011 as a goal to promote harmony. The suggestion was made for cottage owners to provide renters with a copy of the courtesies as well.

III. Treasurer’s Report – Dwight Findley

Handout with figures from Jan. 1, 2016 to current date provided. Dwight reported that currently there is a reserve fund of \$18,330.94. He cautioned that unexpected expenses, such as milfoil, could use up the reserve.

IV. The Korte Loon Project

John Marshall offered interesting loon information including:

That loons have solid bones, can dive 250 feet in water, are able to remain under water for five minutes, loons’ feet are in the back which makes walking on land difficult, it takes 100 to 600 feet for a loon to become airborne flying into the wind, loons can travel at 75 mph at 3,000 to 5,000 ft., they mate for life and have red eyes in the summer and gray in the winter.

Bob Korte was introduced in order to explain the Loon Project.

The project included a manmade nesting area that was placed near Frog island. The loons chose to nest on the island instead. However, the loon egg was found in the water. Bob stated that it is unlikely for the loons to nest again this year. Bob reports that the male loon has a fish hook in his neck with a long string of fishing line attached. Bob plans to attempt to remove the hook this evening after the meeting, and joked that he would welcome anyone willing to “loon jump”.

V. Fishing and Forests – John Marshall

John reported that the lake was stocked with 20,000 8-inch splake this year and that large bass are present near the beaver dam.

Forestry: Handout provided

- Tract 33 & 29 hardwoods were harvested this last winter. Refuse left is unsightly but appearance of the forest will improve in 3-5 years. The density of the trees has inhibited the growth and health of the forest.
- This year tracts 22,31,32,34&35 of red pine will be harvested. These trees were planted between 1950 and 1958 by the Redman family. The density is preventing growth and creating disease in these areas as well. A range of 140-180 base density is preferable, areas to be harvested are in the range of greater than 200 base density.

Further discussion included:

- Since there is no longer a market for wood chips the tops of the trees remain on the forest floor.
- Commercial Forest Program provides tax reduction, without the CFA the tax would be \$77.00 an acre instead of \$1.25 an acre.

Timber sales of \$280,000.00 over the past several years.

- Concerns were voiced regarding boundaries for public parking and use of roads as well as fire hazard due to branches left on the ground.

VI. Lake Ecology – Tom Gschwind

- Handout provided with lake level history beginning in 1995.
- 2016 lake level is 18 inches above the 1967 high water level high and 7.5 inches higher than last year's high
- Water clarity is at 21ft to 27ft remaining in the highest clarity range.
- Water temperature 72 degrees
- Milfoil patches are reported in channel but also native growth is emerging and covering the bare lake floor where the milfoil had been.

Tom also mentioned that a trailer will be available near the dumpsters on Pioneer Trail meadow for donations to Challenge Mountain. Leave donations or take something already donated that is in the trailer. The trailer will be available June 25th – July 9th.

VII. The Lake Biomapping Project & Milfoil Management – Kirk Halsted

- Savin Lake Services treated 11.5 acres of milfoil last year. Kirk reported that 90-95 percent of the plants have been affected. The plants look sick or are dying. However there are some healthy smaller patches.
- The Service also obtains permits and completes paperwork.
- Biomapping with GPS and sonar determined there are 4.1 acres of all vegetation currently (versus 11.5 acres of just milfoil last year before treatment with granular chemicals).

Kirk emphasized the importance of remaining vigilant and continuing to treat the milfoil. He stated that other lake communities fail to control an invasive species due to lack of ongoing commitment.

VIII. Additional Announcements or Information

- Dave Strong spoke of the Sacred Community of the Earth. He invites cottagers to his cabin on July 20, Aug. 4, or Aug. 18 at 1p.m. to discuss the importance of saving the earth for future generations. The book Evening Thoughts by Thomas Berry will be a discussion topic and Dave has copies available.
- Ruth Jameson appealed for greeters for Sunday Worship at Tennant Chapel. Handout provided with list of preachers for each Sunday this summer as well as sign-up sheet for available dates for greeters.
- Concerns were voiced regarding communication and suggestions were made to remedy the difficulties. Some suggestions: bulletin board by mail boxes, or dumpsters, as well as organizing hand delivery through plat reps.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Mahan, Cottagers Council Secretary

Lake Louise Cottagers' Council

Boyne Falls, Michigan

Lake Louise Town Hall Meeting July 16, 2016

John Marshall, president of the Cottagers' Council, opened the meeting with the sound of loon calls and introduced Lois Cotton, a cottager of 60 years on Lake Louise. Lois spoke of the continuity of the lake community, meeting old friends here as well as their great grandchildren. She laughingly stated that she had hoped for a good closing sentence but failed to come up with one.

I. Roll Call of the Plats

Four plats were not represented at this meeting: Sunset View, Forest Glen, Horner Island, Island Trail

II. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda approved with no additions

III. Approval of the Minutes of the July 18, 2015 Town Hall Meeting

Minutes approved without changes

IV. "State of the Lake"

Jim Willford, Executive Director, LLCC, provided a power point presentation. Jim stated that August 1st will be his one year anniversary as executive director. He began his presentation with pictures of the seasons taken from his deck in during the last year.

Power Point information:

- The number of retreat center guests has increased this year, however, the number of summer camp participants has decreased slightly
- The official American Camp Association Accreditation has been completed and all 220 standards were met
- Report on the status of the new camp cabins was provided. The newly completed and dedicated Pankratz cabin was pictured as well as cabins under construction.
- Tennant Chapel was pictured and plans for renovation was discussed. The fundraising goal is \$10,000.00 and half of that has been raised in two weeks. Some of the improvements and additions include a new roof and new bathroom.
- Jim then took what he called a commercial break and announced the Fish Fry on August 13th and also let cottagers know that their tax bills were available to be picked up at the back of the dining hall. If not picked up, they would be mailed out.
- Pictures were shown of the interior and exterior of the Camp Health Center. An appeal was made for funding to replace this building that was constructed in 1961. Approximately \$70,000 would be needed to build a structure similar in size to the new cabins. The current Health Center lacks privacy for the nurse or doctor staying there as well as privacy for campers seeking assistance.
- Camp Scholarships were discussed and included information regarding funds collected from chapel services and the fish fry. A fund has also been collected to bring 12 campers from Flint. The Fun Camp fund has been used for water boards, disc golf, sporting equipment and a storage shed. Jim also reported that a grant of \$5,500.00 has been awarded from Charlevoix County to Fun Camp but \$11,000.00 is needed to complete another phase that would include a tree climbing adventure.
- Volunteer work groups were commended and pictured with the number of volunteer hours that range from 28 hours to 880 hours. Also individual volunteers were recognized for their assistance with the camp store, office, Memorial Garden, milfoil, camp counselors, chapel volunteers, and tree planters.
- Jim ended his "state of the lake" address with the statement that the community is one of caring hands, heart, and prayers.

V. Korte Loon Project

Bob Korte had reported at the June Cottagers Potluck meeting that the male loon on Lake Louise had a fishhook stuck in his neck with long fishing line attached. Bob reported today that they were able to catch the loon and cut off the fishing line, however, the loon had swallowed the hook. Bob stated that the loon's gizzard will take care of the hook and, as long as no lead was ingested, the loon should be okay.

VI. Items from the President- John Marshall

A. Upcoming events for this summer

- **Lake Louise Golf Scramble & Dinner-** Bill Gilbert reminded cottagers of the Golf Scramble on Saturday, August 6th starting at 1:00 p.m., with the Barbeque Banquet at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Black Bear Golf club-Handout provided with costs and golfing options
- **Lake Louise Fish Fry-** Saturday August 13th, 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the Retreat Center (donations support camp scholarship programs and the Boyne Valley Food Pantry)
- **Cottagers' Council Meeting & Ice Cream Social-** Wednesday, August 24th, 7:00 p.m. in the Retreat Center

B. Thank you for your cooperation re. 4th of July fireworks

Fireworks were enjoyed within the new policy guidelines

C. Request for Volunteers as Plat Representatives

Pioneer plat-3-4 volunteers, Morningside-2 volunteers and other plats-1 representative

D. Updates – Email, cottage directory, cottages for sale

Handout provided- to be collected for this purpose

E. Renewal of Chapel Benevolence

Manna, regional food bank, currently receives 10% of Chapel offerings. A vote will be held at the Cottagers' meeting on August 24th to determine if the money will continue to support Manna or if there is another suggestion.

F. F/U to questions raised at the June cottagers' meeting

- Concerns re. camping on LLCC property around Standard Lake - Handout provided with map showing the location of campsites. With the use of GPS, all campsites were determined to be on state land.
- Questions re. the location of Forest Legacy land- Handout with map provided outlining Forest Legacy land.

VII. Treasurer's Report –Dwight Finley

Handout- financial report showed expenditures and revenue dated from Jan. 2016 through July 8th 2016. These include the pizza party expense and donations. Dwight also contacted the bank about checking acct. monthly service charges. The Lake Louise acct. will no longer be charged. Nice!

VIII. Environment Report & Milfoil Proposal

- Tom Gschwind reported that, during the summer, the Lake Louise water level drops about an inch a week, however, due to the recent rain the lake level remains 12 ft. 5 in. above the 1967 high. Clarity is at 27 feet and temperature of the water is 72 degrees.
- The mapping of milfoil by Savin Lake Services failed to locate many of the patches. Kirk Halsted has been using a new GPS system that has found many milfoil patches not identified on the mapping performed by Savin. A handout, provided at this meeting, compared the costs of using contracted lake management versus lake community management with equipment owned by LLCC. After the initial purchase of the equipment the cost would be less than half of the cost of contracted management. Benefits would include the ability to apply the chemicals at any time. A milfoil patch could then be reported and treated when conditions are optimum. John Marshall identified three sources of money available for the purchase of equipment: LLCC, cottagers, and Charlevoix County. Charlevoix County has agreed to contribute \$10,000.00 this year and \$3,000.00 next year for milfoil mitigation.

- Further discussion:
 - The camp will be able to acquire the permit needed to apply the chemicals.
 - A license is not needed in Michigan to purchase the chemicals.
 - A motion to purchase our own equipment for milfoil management was made seconded and voted on. All present voted "yes".
 - Tom Gschwind also mentioned some items for sale: 1) PVC pipe 1 ¼ inch, 2) the suction harvester and 3) a kind of "barge" with pontoons that is in good shape.

IX. Announcements and Miscellaneous

- Bob Davis announced that a portion of someone's dock is at his cottage.
- A "No Outlet" sign is to be placed at the turn into Morningside; other locations around the lake might want to consider a sign as well.
- Questions regarding debris from logging were discussed. Jim Willford offered to provide a map of future logging dates and locations.

Note: At the June Potluck Cottagers' Meeting handouts, discussion, and explanations were provided regarding logging. Information is available in the June Cottager's Council meeting minutes posted online at lakelouisecommunity.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Mahan, Cottagers Council Secretary

Lake Louise Cottagers' Council Meeting: August 24, 2016

I. Welcome & Cottagers' Minute

Cottagers' Council President John Marshall welcomed cottagers to the meeting with loon calls and introduced Ed Jameson, who presented the Cottagers' Minute. Ed stated that he was honored to be asked to present the Cottagers' Minute. He spoke of the Lake Louise Community as family. He also spoke of his observation of cottagers' families meeting at Lake Louise to create new memories and to celebrate past times together at the lake.

II. Approval of the Minutes of June 25, 2016 Cottagers' Council Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes. It was seconded and passed.

III. Items from the President – John Marshall

A. Recent Cottage Purchase History

A handout provided details regarding cottage transition history starting in 2013 to the present.

B. Tentative Meetings and Events for Summer 2017- handout provided

June 24th – July 9th - dumpsters available in Pioneer Trail meadow

Saturday, June 24th – Cottagers' Potluck dinner and meeting

Sunday, July 2nd – The Lake Louise Boat Parade

Thursday, July 6th – Lake Louise Pizza Party

Saturday, July 15th – Cottagers' Town Hall Meeting

Community Forestry Day – date to be announced

Wednesday, August 15 – Cottagers' Council Meeting

Please note: As of now there will be no golf outing

C. Policy Updates – handout provided

1. Building policy: handout included –

a. Types of construction that require LLCC approval, as well as residential structure size limits

b. Building policy requirement reminders:

- Adjoining cottager's written consent
- Concrete boundary markers defining the agreed-upon boundaries on both sides in place
- \$125 permit fee paid & LLCC permit issued
- LLCC will assist in obtaining necessary township & county permits

2. LLCC Tree Cutting Reminders – handout provided -

LLCC Approval Required for:

- Cutting of any live tree within 30' of the waterline
- Cutting of any live tree more than 6" in diameter
- Trees removed without permission = \$200 fine

3. LLCC Yard Refuse Disposal Reminder

Handout provided:

All yard refuse (leaves, tree branches, dead tree materials, etc.) is to be disposed of by removing it to a location in the woods where 1) it is not visible or 2) where it does not appear unsightly to fellow cottagers

D. Fireworks 2017- permitted on July 1st & July 2nd & July 4th (per fireworks policy)

E. Address updates – Cottagers' Information Update List sign-up sheet placed on each table.

F. Plat Representatives – Sign-up sheet placed on each table:

After this meeting one Plat Representative is still needed for Delta Plat, Forest Glen, & Horner Island, and two more for Pioneer Trail

IV. Treasurer's Report – Dwight Finley

- Dwight stated that little activity has occurred since the last Cottager Meeting other than the purchase of a "No Outlet Sign" placed at the turn into Morningside. However he is expecting invoices from the dumpster

service, printing costs, as well as the purchase of milfoil equipment, that will also include the cost of storage and maintenance of the boat.

- Dwight mentioned that there is a new lending library across the road from Kay Melvin's cottage. Kay also built a seat for readers to sit on while looking at books. Tom Gschwind also has a lending library at his cottage with bicycles to borrow.

V. LLCC Camp News – Jim Willford

Jim stated that it has been a fantastic camping season. He told stories of diverse camping groups. The 3 R's (renew, rejoice, refresh) group was at camp the same week as a high school soccer team. These two very different age groups ended up praying together before meals and worshipping together at the fire ring.

Jim also related another camping experience this summer with young girls and their support for each other. He saw that the love and excitement for Jesus was again demonstrated. Four hundred and fifty children enjoyed camp at Lake Louise this summer.

Cottagers were asked to check on the invasive species fliers that Jim had placed on each table to see if hand written red lettering was present. Two cottagers, Rhonda Fettig and Bob Moore, found red lettering and were given a "Grand Prize" of \$20 to shop in the Lake Louise store.

Jim also spoke of proposed renovations to Tennant Chapel and the building of a new Camp Health Center. The money, \$6,500, needed for a new roof for Tennant Chapel has been raised. Other proposed renovations include a restroom, new lighting, gutters, and strengthening the foundation. The new Camp Health Center will cost \$70,000 and will include needed privacy for health workers and campers. Brochures will be available at the Labor Day Chapel worship service.

VI. Lake Ecology – Tom Gschwind

Handout provided - Tom reported that the lake is 6" above the 1967 high and has a clarity of 24'. Tom also reported that recently the air temperature and lake temperature were both at 80 degrees.

VII. Milfoil Management Update – Kirk Halsted

Kirk reported that there are currently no healthy milfoil patches. Previously there had been 11 acres of milfoil and this year it was down to 4 ½ acres. Kirk also stated that the warm lake temperature is not conducive to milfoil growth. He is expecting a growth spurt in the fall when the lake temperature cools. An additional chemical treatment will be applied at that time if needed.

Leslie Helwig announced that \$10,426.40 will be sent from Charlevoix County for milfoil mitigation. Kirk commended Leslie's efforts in gaining these funds. Cottagers offered applause to both Kirk and Leslie.

David Strong announced that he will be searching for the invasive species purple loosestrife, soon. He stated that previously there had been 600 plants discovered around the lake, however, last year 65 plants were found.

VIII. Additional Announcements or Information

- John Marshall discussed the renewal of the Chapel Benevolence fund. The Manna Food Project is currently receiving 10% of the chapel offering. Manna provides 2,000 food backpacks a week to school children as well as food for 3,400 families. As there were no other suggestions for the money, a motion was made to continue to send the 10% chapel offering to Manna. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.
- Meredith Rupe discussed the failure of a millage for the Vanderbilt school district. He requested a motion be made to connect with the community by meeting with the school superintendent. The motion was made, seconded and passed.
- Ted Halsted stated that he has Lake Louise history books for sale for \$10. Spring-Fed Waters and Grandfather Tales of Lake Louise

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and enjoy ice cream. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Mahan, Cottagers' Council Secretary